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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate and Local School District Superintendents

Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D.

Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: 22.i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant Request for Proposal

The Michigan Legislature has provided another \$45 million in Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) funds in 2013-2014 to assist public school districts, public school academies (districts), and intermediate school districts (ISDs) develop or improve technology infrastructure in preparation for the planned implementation in 2014-2015 of online growth assessments. In an effort to streamline the application process, the TRIG has been divided into three parts: District Participation, Consortium Leadership, and Statewide Activities.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) invites existing and potential Consortia leaders to apply to lead for the TRIG Statewide Activities. The grant Request for Proposal (RFP) is available for viewing at http://www.techplan.org/technology-readiness/.

The statewide activities include:

- State Education Network (Design and Build)
- Device Purchasing Incentives
- Classroom Readiness Professional Development
- Data Systems Integration / Data Services
- MTRAx Technology Readiness
- Project Management
- E-rate
- Assessment and Curriculum

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Statewide Activities applications are available in MEGS+ and are due on or before December 20, 2013.

Eligible applicants include Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) or districts that currently serve as Consortium Leadership or those ISDs or districts that are applying to lead consortia. The application for Consortium Leadership can be found in the District Participation and Consortium Leadership RFP, which is available for viewing at http://www.techplan.org/technology-readiness/.

For more information on the Statewide Activities RFP for the TRIG, please contact Bruce Umpstead (umpsteadb@michigan.gov) or Amanda Stoel (stoela@michigan.gov) or call 517.373.8480.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance